

Effective Date of Eligibility for the Supplement to the Dual Agency Rate

The effective date is the *latest* of the following applicable dates:

- the date the child already receiving AFDC-FC, AAP, ARC or Kin-GAP benefits was made eligible for regional center services, or
- the date the child already eligible for regional center services became eligible for AFDC-FC, AAP, ARC or Kin-GAP benefits, or
- for children who already meet the Dual Agency Rate criteria, the date of the regional center's or CSW's referral for the supplement, or the date of the caregiver's request to have the child assessed for the supplement, *provided that* DCFS can verify that the caregiver was previously notified in writing by DCFS of the availability of the supplement and the process for requesting an assessment for the supplement at the time the child first met the eligibility criteria for the Dual Agency Rate.

If DCFS does not have verification that it already notified the caregiver about the supplement and its assessment process when the child first met the Dual Agency Rate criteria, then the effective date for the supplement shall be the date the child was first made eligible for regional center services or first became eligible for AFDC-FC, AAP, ARC or Kin-GAP benefits (as applicable), whichever is later.

NOTE: For current and former **ARC** recipients, the retroactive pay can go as far back as 07/01/17 based on the above guidelines. Former ARC recipients are defined as children who were receiving ARC benefits as of July 1, 2017 or afterwards but whose cases have since converted to state-funded AFDC-FC upon termination of parental rights, or to Kin-GAP or AAP, or whose cases have since have had jurisdiction terminated.

For Kin-GAP cases, the date of completion of the SOC 369A form is irrelevant for the effective date of the supplement. Only the effective date scenarios listed above may be used to determine the effective date of the supplement for Kin-GAP benefits.